

# Pollution Prevention

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**Anchor Lead:** Pollution Prevention seeks to prevent or reduce pollution at the source. Anniston Army Depot in Alabama is doing just that. Environmental Correspondent Jesse McGill takes us to this award-winning installation to see what they're doing to make our military a greener fighting force.

## **Jesse McGill/ Environmental Correspondent:**

Anniston Army Depot is this years Secretary of the Army award winner for Pollution prevention.

## **Col. Alexander B. Raulerson/ ANAD:**

**That's the recognition of the hard work that folks have done here in the past, it also helps establish the standards to make sure we're good stewards of the environment.**

As one of the Army's largest industrial installations, Anniston has found ways to surpass environmental standards while remaining the Army's number one vehicle and weapon maintenance repair facility ... And that's important to the Depot's 4700 employees in addition to any soldier who carries a rifle or uses an armored vehicle maintained by the depot.

**Col. Alexander B. Raulerson/ ANAD:**

**Our workers here at the Depot, live and work, not only on Anniston, but live and work in the local communities. They recognize that their families need a safe place to live and play in, and that is not incompatible with doing our mission.**

Anniston Army Depot runs cost-cutting pollution prevention programs in many areas, such as waste reduction, paint stripping and removal, recycling and groundwater treatment. All of these programs save the Army millions of dollars while protecting the environment.

**Patrick Smith: Environmental Engineer/ ANAD:**

**The water at Coldwater Springs, it serves the city of Anniston, and most of Calhoun County, as a matter of fact it supplies the Depot with its water. So the people that work here, also consume the water here, there families consume the water in the community.**

But the Depot isn't alone in its effort to maintain the balance of military readiness with environmental stewardship. Anniston is a proud Army town, and it's the partnerships with the community that has helped the Depot achieve its goals.

**Jim Miller: General Manager Waterworks and Sewer/ Anniston, AL:**

**We have a good partnership. I think the people in Anniston community have recognized that the Army's destiny here and ours are intertwined. We have common goals, common successes, and common problems, so we're working together to resolve those.**

Anniston's success in stopping pollution at its source is the result of every person, whether on the tank maintenance floor or the tactical missile shop, having the right attitude. Anniston Army Depot understands what it takes to maintain the readiness of the Army's fighting force while exceeding environmental standards. It sets the standard when it comes to being mean, clean and green.

Jesse McGill, Anniston Army Depot, Alabama